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AMENDMENTS

To the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.- 10 Cancelled.

11. (Currently amended) A drawer comprising:

a drawer body including a bottom wall and a peripheral wall structure extending upwardly from the bottom wall, the bottom wall and the peripheral wall structure defining a drawer space, the peripheral wall having first and second end portions;

first and second mounting structures on the respective end portions of the peripheral wall structure, each mounting structure including a base portion projecting forwardly from the peripheral wall structure and an attachment portion projecting from the base portion, the respective attachment portions projecting laterally inwardly from the respective base portion toward the drawer space; and

a front panel including an elongated panel wall having a front surface and a rear surface,

a projection on the panel wall having a base portion extending rearwardly from the rear surface of the panel wall and an attachment portion integral with the base portion and extending therefrom substantially parallel to the rear surface of the panel wall for cooperation with the rear surface of the panel wall to define an open-ended channel therebetween that extends substantially the entire length of the panel wall,

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the attachment portions of the mounting structures being laterally slidably receivable in the channel of the front panel for mounting the front panel on the drawer body in a mounted condition extending across a front end of the drawer body.

12. (Previously Presented) The drawer of claim 11, wherein the attachment portions of the mounting structures are frictionally retained in the channel.

13. (Previously Presented) The drawer of claim 12, wherein the front panel is crimped to the mounting structures.

14. (Previously Presented) The drawer of claim 11, wherein the projection is a first projection, the front panel further including a second projection on the panel wall including portions cooperating with the rear surface of the panel wall to define a second channel therebetween.

15. (Previously Presented) The drawer of claim 14, wherein at least one of the first and second projections includes portions cooperating with the rear surface of the panel wall for forming two channels therebetween respectively opening in opposite directions.

16. (Previously Presented) The drawer of claim 11, wherein at least one of the attachment portions of the mounting structure includes a folded under portion.

17. (Canceled).

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18. (Original) The drawer of claim 11, wherein the drawer body has an open front, the front panel closing the open front of the drawer body.

19. (Canceled).

20. (Previously Presented) The drawer of claim 11, wherein the peripheral wall structure includes two side walls, the end portions one each of the side walls and the base portions of the mounting structures projecting from respective side walls.

21. (Currently amended) A method of making a drawer comprising:

providing a drawer body with a drawer space and first and second mounting structures, each mounting structure including a base portion projecting forwardly from a front end of the drawer body and an attachment portion projecting from the base portion toward the drawer space,

providing a drawer panel including an elongated panel wall having a front surface and a rear surface and a projection extending from the rear surface and having a portion extending substantially parallel to the rear surface and cooperating therewith to define an open-ended channel therebetween that extends substantially the entire length of the panel.

aligning the attachment portion of the first mounting structure with the channel of the drawer panel,

slidingly inserting the attachment portion of the first mounting structure in the channel of the drawer panel along a lateral direction;

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advancing the drawer panel towards the second mounting structure;

slidingly inserting the attachment portion of the second mounting structure in the channel;

and sliding the panel therealong until the panel reaches a mounted position extending across the front end of the drawer body.

22. (Original) The method of claim 21, and further comprising crimping the panel to the mounting structure when the panel has been moved to its mounted position.

23. (Currently amended) A drawer comprising:

a drawer body including a bottom wall and a peripheral wall structure extending upwardly from the bottom wall;

a mounting structure on the peripheral wall structure including a base portion projecting forwardly from the peripheral wall structure and an attachment portion projecting from the base portion; and

a front panel including an elongated panel wall having a front surface and a rear surface,

a projection on the panel wall having a base portion extending rearwardly from the rear surface of the panel wall and an attachment portion integral with the base portion and extending therefrom substantially parallel to the rear surface of the panel wall for cooperation with the rear surface of the panel wall to define an open-ended channel therebetween extending substantially the entire length of the panel,

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the attachment portion of the mounting structure including a folded under portion and being slidably receivable in the channel of the front panel for mounting the front panel on the drawer body in a mounted condition extending across a front end of the drawer body,

the folded under portion overlying and contacting another portion of the attachment portion of the mounting structure.

24. (Previously Presented) The drawer of claim 15 wherein each of the mounting structures has first and second flange portions, the flange portions received in the respective channels.